



STATEMENT OF P.O. JOSEPH WALSH

CONDUCTED BY INVESTIGATOR KILLEN

ON OCTOBER 21, 2014 AT 0547 HOURS

AT AREA CENTRAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS

LOG# 1072125
Attachment# 95

1 KILLEN: This is the audio recorded interview of Officer
2 Joseph Walsh regarding Log number 1072125 U
3 number 14 dash 36. Today is the 21st of October
4 2014. And the time is approximately 0547 hours.
5 This statement is bein' taken at Area Central
6 Police Headquarters. My name is Investigator
7 Killen, that's spelled K I L L E N. My star
8 number is 1 2 9. Also present is uh attorney Dan
9 Herbert. Dan if you would say and spell your
10 first and last names.
11 HERBERT: Sure Dan, D A N, Herbert, H E R B E R T.
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13 KILLEN: And then uh also present in the room is FOP Field
14 Representative Kriston Kato.
15 KATO: First name is Kriston, K R I S T O N. Last name
16 K A T O. FOP Field Representative.
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18 KILLEN: And then Officer Walsh if you would say and spell
19 your first and last names for me.
20 P.O.WALSH: Joseph Walsh, W A L S H.
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22 KILLEN: All right and your star number?
23 P.O.WALSH: 1 2 8 6 5.
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25 KILLEN: And your employee number?
26 P.O.WALSH: 
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28 KILLEN: And your date of appointment with the Department?
29 P.O.WALSH: 29 June 1998.
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31 KILLEN: And your date of birth?
32 P.O.WALSH: 

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2 KILLEN: And your current unit of assignment?
3 P.O.WALSH: 8th District.
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5 KILLEN: And how long you been in 8?
6 P.O.WALSH: Approximately 14 years.
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8 KILLEN: All right and you're aware that this statement
9 has the standing of an official Department
10 report. And that any intentional falsification
11 to any answer to any question would be in direct
12 violation of Department rules and regulations?
13 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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15 KILLEN: Given that, I'd like to remind you that failure
16 to provide a complete and accurate account of
17 this incident could result in a finding of a
18 violation of Rule 14 with discipline leading up
19 to and including separation from the Chicago
20 Police Department. Do you understand that?
21 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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23 KILLEN: All right then what was your duty status and
24 assignment on 20 October 2014 at approximately
25 2150 hours?
26 P.O.WALSH: This statement is not being given
27 voluntarily but under duress. I'm only givin'
28 this statement because I know I will be fired if
29 I refuse.
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31 KILLEN: Okay. So last night 20 October 2014 about 2150
32 hours what was your duty status?

1 P.O.WALSH: I was assigned to uh Beat 845 Robert.
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3 KILLEN: What time did you start work last night?
4 P.O.WALSH: 2100 hours.
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6 KILLEN: Okay you were assigned a partner?
7 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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9 KILLEN: And who's your partner?
10 P.O.WALSH: Jason Van Dyke.
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12 KILLEN: Okay and you and Officer Van Dyke you guys were
13 in full uniform?
14 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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16 KILLEN: And you and Officer Van Dyke were assigned a
17 vehicle?
18 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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20 KILLEN: And what kinda vehicle were you assigned?
21 P.O.WALSH: Chevy Tahoe.
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23 KILLEN: Marked?
24 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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26 KILLEN: Do you know the outside number on it?
27 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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29 KILLEN: What is it?
30 P.O.WALSH: 6412.
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1 KILLEN: And then last night were you the driver or
2 passenger?
3 P.O.WALSH: Driver.
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5 KILLEN: And then 20 October 2014 at approximately 2150
6 hours uh you were a witness to a police-involved
7 shooting correct?
8 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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10 KILLEN: Okay and if you would starting from the beginning
11 explain to me how you became involved in this
12 incident.
13 P.O.WALSH: I responded to an assist call that 815
14 Robert had requested uh assistance uh call of a
15 man with a knife.
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17 KILLEN: And you become aware of the request uh via OEMC
18 correct?
19 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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21 KILLEN: Over the radio?
22 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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24 KILLEN: Okay do you recall where you were at when you
25 first heard the uh radio assist?
26 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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28 KILLEN: Where were you?
29 P.O.WALSH: 5900 South Pulaski.
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31 KILLEN: Were you on a job?
32 P.O.WALSH: No.

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2 KILLEN: Just routine patrol?
3 P.O.WALSH: I was just leaving uh local 7 Eleven
4 convenience store.
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6 KILLEN: Okay so this is like right after roll call then?
7 P.O.WALSH: Correct.
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9 KILLEN: Okay. So you hear the, you heard over the radio.
10 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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12 KILLEN: Were you actually dispatched the job or you just
13 goin' cause you overheard it?
14 P.O.WALSH: Just because I heard uh the officers call
15 for an assist.
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17 KILLEN: Okay. And do you know, at the time did you know
18 why they needed an assist?
19 P.O.WALSH: They called that there was a man with a, a
20 knife.
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22 KILLEN: Okay do you recall where that was at?
23 P.O.WALSH: Um 40th and Pulas, approachin' 40th and
24 Pulaski.
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26 KILLEN: Okay. So you hear the 815 call for the assist,
27 man with a knife correct?
28 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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30 KILLEN: So you leave the 7 Eleven.
31 P.O.WALSH: Leave the parking lot of the 7 Eleven.
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1 KILLEN: Okay so you and Officer Van Dyke and you drive,
2 right?
3 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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5 KILLEN: So you head to 40th and Pulaski just about?
6 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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8 KILLEN: And what happens when you get there? What
9 happens?
10 P.O.WALSH: Observe a uh, male black in the Burger King
11 parking lot running with a knife in his hand. Uh
12 being followed from behind by Officer Joseph
13 McElligott.
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15 KILLEN: Okay.
16 P.O.WALSH: On foot.
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18 KILLEN: Prior to this you knew Officer Joseph McElligott
19 correct?
20 P.O.WALSH: Excuse me?
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22 KILLEN: Did you know Officer Joseph McElligott before
23 this night?
24 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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26 KILLEN: Okay. So you recognized 'em when you saw 'em
27 runnin' through the parkin' lot?
28 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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30 KILLEN: What about the man he was chasin'? You ever see
31 him before?
32 P.O.WALSH: No.

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2 KILLEN: Okay so when you see this are you, are you on
3 Pulaski when you first see this happen?
4 P.O.WALSH: No I'm on 40th Street pulling into the uh
5 Burger King parking lot.
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7 KILLEN: Okay so you, you left the 7 Eleven parking lot,
8 you drive north on Pulaski correct?
9 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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11 KILLEN: And then you get to 40th?
12 P.O.WALSH: Correct.
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14 KILLEN: And you go west?
15 P.O.WALSH: West.
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17 KILLEN: And then is that when you see McElligott chasin'
18 the offender?
19 P.O.WALSH: Uh no not until I turned into the uh Burger
20 King parking lot. Off of 40th Street.
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22 KILLEN: And what prompted you to turn into the parking
23 lot?
24 P.O.WALSH: Because uh there was a citizen standing on
25 40th Street who pointed in the direction of the
26 Burger King lot that drew my attention to that uh
27 area.
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29 KILLEN: Okay. And where, where exactly was the citizen?
30 P.O.WALSH: Citizen was on 40th Street on the north side
31 of uh 40th Street uh standing next to a white
32 vehicle that was parked on the street.

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2 KILLEN: Would be like the west side of Pulaski, the east
3 side of Pulaski?
4 P.O.WALSH: It was the uh, uh west side of Pulaski on
5 40th Street which uh the individual was standin'
6 on the north side of 40th Street.
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8 KILLEN: Okay so the northwest corner, the intersection
9 there then, 40th and Pulaski?
10 P.O.WALSH: Well not the intersection probably uh a
11 hundred or hundred and fifty feet uh west of uh
12 Pulaski.
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14 KILLEN: Okay. So he draws your attention to the parking
15 lot?
16 P.O.WALSH: He just pointed yes.
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18 KILLEN: Right.
19 P.O.WALSH: Yeah and forced me to look over and I seen
20 an individual uh running.
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22 KILLEN: Okay and then that's the offender correct?
23 P.O.WALSH: Correct.
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25 KILLEN: And you see 'em runnin' with a knife?
26 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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28 KILLEN: Okay. Do you remember what hand he had it in?
29 P.O.WALSH: Right hand.
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31 KILLEN: Okay so you go into the parking lot?
32 P.O.WALSH: Yes.

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2 KILLEN: And what happens from there?
3 P.O.WALSH: Uh the offender continues to run in a
4 eastward direction. Uh I give chase in the
5 vehicle, in the police car. And um my intentions
6 were to not let that offender get into the Burger
7 King entry door so I positioned my vehicle um in,
8 in a way to force him not to make entry into that
9 store which that's what I believed he was gonna
10 attempt to do.
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12 KILLEN: Okay. And what happens from there?
13 P.O.WALSH: He uh, he bypassed the restaurant uh ran
14 across the sidewalk, ran into the roadway into
15 the southbound lanes. And then uh ran
16 southbound.
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18 KILLEN: So at that point then he's southbound, he's in
19 the street, he's in Pulaski, he's on Pulaski.
20 P.O.WALSH: Yeah.
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22 KILLEN: Headin' southbound on Pulaski Avenue?
23 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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25 KILLEN: Okay and where you at at this point?
26 P.O.WALSH: Uh I, I follow behind him. I jumped the curb
27 over the sidewalk into the uh southbound lanes.
28 Uh from the southbound lanes I drive left of
29 center um into the um northbound lanes traveling
30 southbound.
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32 KILLEN: Okay. And why did you, why did you do that?

1 P.O.WALSH: Um there were uh vehicles in, in, in the
2 way.
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4 KILLEN: Okay. Uh are you still behind the offender at
5 this point?
6 P.O.WALSH: No uh tryin' to advance in front of him. So
7 parallel at one point and then uh attempted to
8 pass him.
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10 KILLEN: So you get around 'em?
11 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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13 KILLEN: And what happens then?
14 P.O.WALSH: Um exit the my vehicle along with Officer
15 Van Dyke. Uh I run uh to the back of my vehicle
16 and um I drew my weapon and I began to give
17 verbal commands yelling drop the knife numerous
18 times.
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20 KILLEN: And whaddoes the offender do?
21 P.O.WALSH: Continues to run in my direction. Uh
22 flailing a knife in his right hand. And um
23 continue towards us.
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25 KILLEN: Does he close the distance?
26 P.O.WALSH: Yes he does.
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28 KILLEN: Okay. And how close does he get to you, to you I
29 guess? If you had to guess.
30 P.O.WALSH: Uh I back up uh and retreat several feet
31 while he was closin' the distance approximately
32 12 to 15 feet.

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2 KILLEN: And at that point is there anything between you
3 and the offender?
4 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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6 KILLEN: What is?
7 P.O.WALSH: Officer Van Dyke.
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9 KILLEN: Other than Officer Van Dyke is there anything,
10 could you, if you had to gain cover could you?
11 P.O.WALSH: No.
12
13 KILLEN: Okay. What, what's between Officer Van Dyke and
14 the offender?
15 P.O.WALSH: Nothing.
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17 KILLEN: If you had to guess distance between Officer Van
18 Dyke and the offender?
19 P.O.WALSH: Ten feet.
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21 KILLEN: Does the offender continuously close the
22 distance?
23 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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25 KILLEN: Continuously approaches?
26 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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28 KILLEN: Has the knife in his hand?
29 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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31 KILLEN: You said he was flailing it?
32 P.O.WALSH: Yes.

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2 KILLEN: And what happens then?
3 P.O.WALSH: Officer Van Dyke uh discharges his weapon.
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5 KILLEN: Okay. More than once?
6 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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8 KILLEN: If you had to guess at how many times he fired?
9 P.O.WALSH: Eight or nine.
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11 KILLEN: Did you fire?
12 P.O.WALSH: No.
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14 KILLEN: Why not?
15 P.O.WALSH: Because uh Officer Van Dyke was on my right
16 hand side in my uh line of fire.
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18 KILLEN: Okay. So you don't fire outta, outta concern you
19 might strike Officer Van Dyke?
20 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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22 KILLEN: Okay. So after Officer Van Dyke discharges his
23 firearm what happens?
24 P.O.WALSH: I then uh approach the offender and uh tell
25 him to uh drop the knife from his uh his grasp.
26 And uh he refused and I stepped on his hand and I
27 uh I pulled the knife and kicked it from his uh,
28 his clenched fist.
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30 KILLEN: So this point he's on the ground correct?
31 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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1 KILLEN: Okay so Officer Van Dyke discharges his firearm,
2 the offender falls to the ground?
3 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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5 KILLEN: Okay and at that point you guys approach, you
6 approach?
7 P.O.WALSH: I approach.
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9 KILLEN: Okay and you stepped on his, still in his right
10 hand when he fell down the knife?
11 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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13 KILLEN: And you had to pull it from his right hand?
14 P.O.WALSH: I used my, my boot, stepped on his hand and
15 had to pull it from his clenched uh hand.
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17 KILLEN: Okay and after you pull it from his clenched hand
18 what happens?
19 P.O.WALSH: Uh I called on the radio that there were
20 shots fired by the police. And uh called for uh
21 an ambulance.
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23 KILLEN: Okay. And whaddid you do with the knife?
24 P.O.WALSH: I left it in the, on the street.
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26 KILLEN: Okay. And as far as you're aware is that where
27 it stayed the entire time?
28 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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30 KILLEN: Any other officers touch it?
31 P.O.WALSH: No.
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1 KILLEN: Okay and that's where it was recovered?
2 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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4 KILLEN: Okay. All right. Is there anything you'd like
5 to add?
6 P.O.WALSH: Not at this time.
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8 KILLEN: And everything you stated is a true and accurate
9 account of what occurred?
10 P.O.WALSH: Yes.
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12 KILLEN: All right this will conclude the audio recorded
13 interview of Officer Joseph Walsh regarding Log
14 number 1072125 U number 14 dash 36. Today is the
15 21st of October 2014 and the time is approximately
16 0600 hours.

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4 I, CAROL A. O'LEARY, do hereby certify or affirm that
5 I have impartially transcribed the foregoing from an audio
6 recording of the above-mentioned proceeding to the best of
7 my ability.

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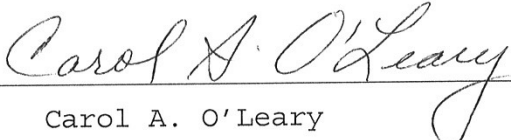
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